



Student Name _____

The application to GSE is in three parts: an online form, a paper form, and a 60-second video uploaded to YouTube. Read the following directions carefully before proceeding.

The first step to applying to GSE is to be sure you meet the proper qualifications. Please click on the **Qualifications** link on the main GSE page. **NOTE:** Be sure to read about the various test score(s) you may use this year. If you meet the qualifications, the next step is to fill out the Student Application and the Consent Form

1. **All parts of the application are to be submitted no later than April 15, 2017.** The first page of the submitted application contains much of the same information that is submitted online, but you are to complete **both**. Print the verification that you have submitted the online application (the date should print as well), **fill in your name**, and make it **Page 1** of this packet. To print from the Windows environment, simply press CTRL-P; from the Apple environment, COMMAND-P. Note: Part I may not be available on line until March 13.
2. **Part II, the paper copy, is a fillable pdf.** It is not necessary to do it all at once, because you can save and reopen it. You may also print as you go—just to be sure.
3. Provide a letter of recommendation from one of your teachers. The teacher's letters should be submitted on school letterhead and typed using a 12-point Roman or Arial font. The use of fancy, italicized fonts is strongly discouraged. Writers should speak candidly about your work, skills, desire, ability to work in groups, strengths, and weaknesses. This letter shall be stapled directly after the transcript and discipline record.
4. At least three weeks ahead of time, ask your principal for a letter of recommendation. This letter shall be the last page of your application.
5. Please pay careful attention to the parent/student signature page. If you have questions about the residency and no-visitation requirements, you may direct them to Sherry.L.Keffer@wv.gov.
6. Complete the rest of the fillable form, print it and take it to your counselor **with the pages in order**. The counselor will attach the necessary school records, staple it and return it to you. . Please remind your counselor that your Social Security number is NOT to be sent with your transcript. **It is your responsibility to meet the school deadline.**

Staple only. No paper clips, binders, photos or folders.

My signature guarantees that I have read the instructions for applying and that I have submitted Part I on line.

Student
Signature _____ Date: _____

THIS SHOULD BE THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR APPLICATION, but staple the verification The printed verification page, although attached to the front, is actually an addendum.

APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED. ON PAGE ONE, SIMPLY KEY THE INFORMATION INTO THE EMPTY FIELDS.

PERSONAL INFORMATION					
First Name		Middle			
Last Name		Nickname			
Birth Date		School/County			
Home Address		City			
State, ZIP Code		Student's E-Mail			
Home Phone		Your Cell Phone			
Names of Parents					
Father Home Phone		F. Cell Phone			
Mother's Home Phone		M. Cell			
F. Work Phone		M. Work Phone			
T-Shirt Size		Gender			

Although there is not a required GPA for attending GSE, we still want to see how you are doing.			
First Semester GPA		Cumulative GPA	
STUDENT STATEMENT			

The decision to apply for the Governor's School of Entrepreneurship is my own. I want to participate fully in the program. If selected, I will abide by the rules and expectations of the program and the program director (dean). The responses contained in this application are my own work and are truthfully offered.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Applicant's Name: _____

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I, the parent/guardian of _____, permit my son/daughter, if selected, to participate in the 2017 Governor's School of Entrepreneurship (GSE) at West Virginia University. I realize that transportation to and from the School of Entrepreneurship and spending money for personal expenses must be provided by the family of the participant.

I further understand that if selected, he/she must abide by the rules and expectations set forth by the school. I also understand that failure to participate in the programs or unwillingness to abide by the rules and expectations will be just cause for dismissal.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

PLEASE READ AND INITIAL

Student Initials	Parent/Guardian Initials	Assurances
		I understand that the GSE programs require concerted focus, preparation, and motivation from all participants. Participants are expected to demonstrate emotional maturity, self-discipline, and respect for self, others, the program, and the host institution.
		I understand that applicants will receive acceptance letters by early May. A list of accepted students will be posted on the website three days after the letters are mailed. Only those selected will be notified.
		I understand that the participants will be expected to follow the rules and expectations outlined in the 2017 Handbook as well as specific onsite instructions provided by the GSE dean.
		I understand that possession of tobacco, alcohol, non-prescription drugs and prescription drugs not prescribed for the participant will result in the participant's immediate dismissal from the program. If a student is dismissed, a parent or his/her appointee must pick the student up within 12 hours. A letter will be sent to the county superintendent of any expelled student.
		I certify that I am a resident of the State of West Virginia and that I attend school in West Virginia. This includes home-schooled, private and public-school students.
		I understand that failure to provide complete and accurate medical and prescription information may result in immediate dismissal from the program.
		I give permission to the Office of the Secretary of Education and the Arts to release my son/daughter's name, likeness and contact information to institutions recognizing or supporting scholarly efforts.
		I consent to my son/daughter's likeness, name, school, hometown and comments about GSE appearing in the public media, including newspapers, TV, radio and the Internet. Addresses (postal and email) and phone numbers may be printed in the Student Directory.
		I agree to lock in the dates July 5-25, 2017, and, if selected, will attend GSE in its entirety. If selected for another honor that would interrupt, GSE, I will choose between the two.
		I understand that GSE is a residential experience and that students will be involved in activities seven days a week. Although I may talk with my child on the telephone, I realize that I am not to visit.
		<p>Student records and applications are kept in the Governor's Schools office at the Department of Education and the Arts except when it is necessary to take them off-site for review. The applications of the selected students and/or the data in an electronic format will be transferred to personnel at the Governor's School of Entrepreneurship. Every precaution is taken to safeguard student records, and there has not been an incident breaching student confidentiality. More stringent rules about maintaining privacy necessitate your agreement to this process.</p> <p>I consent to my minor child's application to GSE being transported to another site for data entry and evaluation. In addition to personal statements and references, the application includes personal identity information, teacher and peer evaluations and a transcript of his/her grades. I understand that the selection committee will keep all information confidential.</p>

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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: ACTIVITIES, RESEARCH AND HONORS

In the sections that follow, list accomplishments that highlight your positions of leadership or extra-curricular activities, community/church groups, national organizations, etc. You may list UP TO six examples.

Activities/Programs

List 3-6 significant activities/programs in which you have participated during the last three years. Include the name of the organization, sponsoring agency or group.

Activity and Organization	Position Held
EXAMPLE: National Honor Society <ul style="list-style-type: none">We planned and sponsored a trunk or treat party for Halloween on the school parking lot. Treated more than 300 children.	Vice President
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	

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Research/Study Experiences.

List 3-5 of the most classes you have taken that have helped you decide to be an entrepreneur. Make sure you include the name of any group, organization, or individual with whom you studied.

Study/Brief Description	Teacher/Study Partners	Organization
Example: Worked with robotics team to develop a new way to pack grocery orders	John Doe, business teacher; Mary Jones, engineering teacher; Susan Smith and Carrie Underwood, students.	Sample High
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

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Honors/Recognitions

In this section, list the **most significant** honors/recognitions you have received during the last three years—either in school or in your community. This could include the second semester of the eighth grade.

Study/Brief Description	Level of Competition	Year
EXAMPLE: Honored for an idea I had about saving paper in the schools	County	20016
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

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Other personal information and short answers:

1. Who are you? Be creative!

2. Why do you want to be part of GSE?

3. Why do you want to be a "Young E?" (Young Entrepreneur)

4. What opportunity do you see in West Virginia?

5. GSE participants will work in teams. Describe how you would overcome team conflict with one or two difficult personalities.

The GSE Will Address Four Categories

1. Hospitality and Tourism
 - In what ways can we encourage people to visit the state and see its beauty?
2. Healthcare
 - How can we improve the health of our citizens?
3. Technology
 - What kind of technology can be created to better our state? (not just phone apps)
4. Creative Economies (Social Impact)
 - How can we solve the social problems of our state?

Rank these categories in importance to you and their relationship to you. In other words, list 1,2,3,4 in relation to the area in which you might start a business.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

How did you hear about GSE? List any suggestions you have for improving ways to get the word out. What are you willing to do to spread the word?

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Teacher/Principal Recommendations

You must submit letters of recommendation from a teacher and your principal as stated on page 1.

Copy this page and give it to those who are writing your recommendation so that they can fully address your qualities as a student, as a school citizen, and as a potential business leader. After the letters are returned to you, place them after your transcript.

The student evaluation/recommendation should be typed in 12-pt. type, preferably on school, business or personal letterhead. It should discuss how the student demonstrates the following qualities: ability to work cooperatively and meaningfully in groups; openness to new and diverse situations; creativity; social maturity; independence of thought; self-direction; school citizenship; comparison to other students in your class this year; personal qualities that might make it easy/difficult for the named student to adjust to an intensive residential experience. Please give it to the student in a sealed envelope so that he/she can order it in the application packet.

Tips and Suggestions

Let the person you ask know that this recommendation is important to you and what participation in this program would mean to you personally. When asking for a recommendation:

1. Please give the adult you ask AMPLE time to complete the recommendation.
2. Be sure to select adults who know your thinking skills and talents, and who are impressed with you personally.
3. When asking a teacher, select one who gives you detailed, written feedback on tests, papers, homework grades, reports, etc. These teachers are more likely to make an extra effort in completing your recommendation.

Mail the completed application and all required documents to the following address:

**Sherry Keffer, director of Governor's Schools
Building 5, Room 205
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East
Charleston, WV 25305**